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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington D.C. 20554

RE: Notice of Ex Parte Communication, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 14-58 and 14-259

## Dear Secretary Dortch:

On March 9, 2017, the undersigned, along with Jeffrey S. Nordhaus, Executive Vice President, Innovation & Broadband, Empire State Development, met with Nicholas Degani, Chairman Ajit Pai's senior counsel, to discuss the New York CAF auction Order.

During the meeting, the parties discussed a number of the conditions included in the Order. Mr. Nordhaus provided an overview of how the State intends to comply with these conditions in its broadband funding program. In particular, Mr. Nordhaus outlined a number of potential auction structures New York could implement in the CAF-eligible territories to satisfy the conditions. The parties discussed whether these structures could facilitate the deployment of broadband infrastructure consistent with the goals of the State's broadband program. Finally, I reviewed certain proposals regarding the rules that would govern the next phase of the State's ongoing broadband auction.

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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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